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In re Patent Application of)
Akio KATSUBE et al.) Group Art Unit: 3726
Application No.: 09/689,774) Examiner: Eric B. Compton
Filed: October 13, 2000) Confirmation No. 8104
For: HOLDING JIG FOR ELECTRONIC)
PARTS, HOLDING METHOD)
THEREFOR, AND)
MANUFACTURING METHOD FOR)
ELECTRONIC PARTS)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: October 29, 2002

Sir:

This election is filed in response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2002 (Paper No. 6). In the Office Action, the Examiner identified two distinct inventions. The Examiner required the Applicants, under 35 U.S.C. §121, to elect a single invention for prosecution. The two inventions identified by the Examiner are:

- I) Claims 1-4, drawn to a holding jig;
- II) Claims 5-14, drawn to a method for holding electronic parts.

Pursuant to the Examiner's requirement, the Applicants elect Group II, claims 5-14. It is understood that claims 1-4 will be withdrawn from prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications.

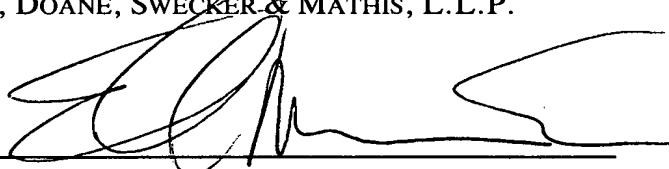
An earlier examination and favorable action on claims 5-14 are respectfully requested.

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In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment for any additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper to our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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